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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Attention: Charles L. A. Terreni
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Dear Mr. Terreni:

We are writing pursuant to SC Code Sections 58-5-270 and 58-5-320 requesting that the Public Service Commission amend its Order of June 18, 2009 as to the Avondale Water System's newly approved rate schedule.

South Carolina Law requires this rate to be reasonable under the circumstances. Our understanding is that the newly approved rate for the Avondale Water System residential water and sewer customers is the highest in the Central Savannah River Area. As the Commission knows, many of the residents of Graniteville and Vauluse are retired or unemployed and are on limited fixed incomes. Therefore, we request that the June 18th Order be amended to reflect a rate schedule that is reasonable in view of the area's socio-economic conditions.

Because this area, served by Avondale Water System, is unincorporated there is no municipality or representative of such municipality who can petition pursuant to SC Code Section 58-5-270. Since the residents of Avondale Water System received their bills under the new rate structure as of Friday, July 31, 2009, we have received more than 150 complaints about the unreasonableness of the rates.

As the elected Representatives of this area served by the Avondale Water System, we are accordingly submitting this written request to the Public Service Commission pursuant to SC Code Section 58-5-270.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Senator Shane Massey
Senate District 25

Rep. J. Roland Smith, Chairman
House District 84

Rep. Tom Young, Jr.
House District 81

cc: Mr. Scott Elliott, Elliott & Elliott, PA
Mr. Dukes Scott, Office of Regulatory Staff, Public Service Commission